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House Bill No. 5323

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CHILD POVERTY AND PREVENTION COUNCIL

Senator Slossberg, Representative Abercrombie and members of the committee. Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony regarding House Bill 5323 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE CHILD POVERTY AND PREVENTION COUNCIL.

The Department of Housing (DOH) fully supports House Bill No. 5323, specifically the inclusion of DOH in the Child Poverty and Prevention Council. The council is charged with developing and promoting the implementation of a ten-year plan to reduce the number of children living in poverty in the state by fifty percent, as well as establishing prevention goals, recommendations, and measure prevention service outcomes in order to promote the health and well-being of children and families. DOH looks forward to collaborating with council members to achieve this commendable goal, which is in line with the agency's mission to ensure that all of Connecticut's citizens have access to safe, affordable housing, and enabling very-low-, low- and moderate-income individuals and families to live in communities where quality employment, schools, necessary services and transportation are accessible.

DOH also supports the streamlining of duplicative reporting requirements through the consolidation of the Governor's prevention report with the Council's annual report. The development and production of the prevention report is administratively burdensome as it requires a significant time commitment from both state agencies and OPM staff. As the Council already produces a report annually detailing the prevention program administered by state agencies, and this bill includes in that report pertinent data collected from the prevention report, it is no longer necessary for additional resources to be expended in producing a separate prevention report.